

## --- 1/4th Pound - Windsor Division - Red Warehousing Stamps - 63 x 47 mm. - 1880 ---

[ Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 39, of May 2002 ]

"In September of 1869, the square BOX and CADDY excise stamps were supplemented by twelve new stamps in six denominations for consumption (black) and for warehousing (red). The denomination of these items represented the maximum weight of tobacco to which they could be affixed. Unlike other BABN tobacco stamps in use up to that time, the new denominated stamps were produced from steel plates (intaglio).

The *small* stamp was initially issued in denominations of one-quarter, one-half and one pound. In February of 1880 a one-tenth pound stamp was prepared for use only in the Windsor Division. The duty collected by these stamps was to be the full amount represented by their denomination, regardless of the actual weight of tobacco in the package.

In September 1874 the Revenue Department authorized the preparation of the first Division-specific stamps for manufactured tobacco. These stamps bear the printed name of the Revenue Division and signature of its Collector in the spaces previously left blank to be filled in by hand or rubberstamp. The first of these personalized stamps were prepared for use in Montreal and Toronto. It is surmised that similar stamps for other Divisions were subsequently introduced overtime as warranted by numbers used."

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The catalogue lists this 1/4th pound Windsor Division red warehousing stamp as follows:

**RM-160** - 1/4th pound, red, Windsor Division, perf 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove - 4 mm. blue controls

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| <b>1st BABN Contract</b> (1868-1873) | John McKay reports that 43,500 copies of "1/4 lb. W. H. E. Red" were delivered. Prior to 1874, these would be "Division Open".  |
| <b>2nd BABN Contract</b> (1873-1878) | John McKay reports that 20,000 copies of "1/4 lb. Red Tobacco" were delivered. Probably 10,000 for Montreal Division and 10,000 for the Toronto Division.   |
| <b>3rd BABN Contract</b> (1878-1886) | 106,500 <i>recess printed</i> copies of 1/4 lb., Red, General were delivered<br>50,000 <i>recess printed</i> copies of 1/4 lb., Red, Windsor were delivered<br>25,000 <i>recess printed</i> copies of 1/4 lb., Red, Hamilton were delivered |

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### --- The "theoretical" control number range of the red 1/4 pound Windsor Division warehousing stamps ---

**RM-160** - 1/4th pound, red, Windsor Division, perf 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove - **00001 to 50000**

### --- The "actual" control number range, as recorded to date ---

**RM-160** - 1/4th pound, red, Windsor Division, perf 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove - **43574** a single copy

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The collection contains three copies of the 1/4th pound **Division Open** red warehousing stamp used at **Windsor**

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| The first copy  | on <i>diagonally wmkd</i> wove paper -                   | used in April 1878    |
| The second copy | on <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically <u>laid</u> paper - | used in August 1879   |
| The third copy  | on <i>block wmkd</i> medium wove paper -                 | used in December 1879 |

Thus one would think that **RM-160**, the red 1/4th pound Windsor Division warehousing stamp, 'delivered' under the 3rd BABN Contract, would date from around 1880, at the same time as the black 1/10th pound Windsor Division stamp was issued.

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--- on *block wmkd* horizontal mesh medium wove at Montreal under the 3rd BABN Contract - 63 x 47 mm. design ---

--- perf 12 - with 4 mm. controls - scanned at 100% scale - inscribed *James Gow Coll. I.R.* ---

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Chris Ryan reports that *James Gow* was named Collector at Windsor on June 1st 1876

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★**RM-160** - 1/4th pound, red, Windsor Division, perf 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove, with 4 mm control **43574**, with W. H. Entry No. 670 - Excised 6 - 80 , in September 1880

**43574**★      06/80      RM-160      1/4th pound, red, Windsor Division, perf 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove

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--- without control numbering ---



★**RM-160n** - 1/4th pound, red, Windsor Division, perf 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove, without control numbering

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